UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT BECKLEY

ROBERT SEIDELMAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:23-cv-00615

WEXFORD HEALTH SOURCES, INC.,

Defendant.

ORDER

Pending are Plaintiff's Application to Proceed without Payment of Fees or Costs [ECF 1] and Complaint [ECF 2], filed September 15, 2023. This action was previously referred to the Honorable Omar J. Aboulhosn, United States Magistrate Judge, for submission of proposed findings and a recommendation ("PF&R"). Magistrate Judge Aboulhosn filed his PF&R [ECF 5] on December 3, 2024. Magistrate Judge Aboulhosn recommended that the Court deny Plaintiff's Application to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees and Costs, dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint without prejudice, and remove this matter from the Court's docket.

The Court need not review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) ("A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations *to which objection is made.*" (emphasis added)). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of de novo review and the Petitioner's right to appeal the Court's order. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *see also United States v. De Leon-Ramirez*, 925 F.3d 177, 181 (4th Cir. 2019) (Parties may not typically "appeal a magistrate judge's

findings that were not objected to below, as § 636(b) doesn't require de novo review absent objection."); *Snyder v. Ridenour*, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989). Further, the Court need not conduct de novo review when a party "makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the magistrate's proposed findings and recommendations." *Orpiano v. Johnson*, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). Objections in this case were due on December 20, 2024. No objections were filed.

Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS the PF&R [ECF 5], DENIES Plaintiff's Application to Proceed without Prepayment of Fees and Costs [ECF 1], DISMISSES the Complaint [ECF 2], and DISMISSES the matter.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to transmit a copy of this Order to any counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: December 26, 2024

Chief United States District Judge